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SUBJ: MFA VIEW OF JALLOUD VISIT

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: MARCH 1 EMBOFF MET WITH MFA
DIRECTOR MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICAN DEPARTMENT, FARUK CELILOGLU,
TO DISCUSS RECENT VISIT TO TURKEY OF LIBYAN PRIMIN JALLOUD.
CELILOGLU PARTICIPATED IN ALL MEETINGS DURING VISIT, WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF THE PRIVATE MEETINGS BETWEEN JALLOUD AND PRIMIN
ECEVIT WHICH TOOK PLACE EN ROUTE FROM AND TO THE AIRPORT.
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CELILOGLU IS INCLINED NOT TO REOMANTICIZE THE LIBYAN RELATIONSHIP.
HE BELIEVES IT CAN BE A PRODUCTIVE ONE AND THAT IT WILL IMPROVE
AS A RESULT OF JALLOUD'S VISIT. JALLOUD PROMISED MUCH IN GENERAL
TERMS BUT MADE VERY FEW CONCRETE COMMITMENTS. WHAT WILL COME
OF THE GENERAL PROMISES IS NOT CLEAR. WHATEVER ASSISTANCE
LIBYA PROVIDES TURKEY IS UNLIKELY TO BE SUFFICIENT TO HAVE A
MAJOR IMPACT ON TURKEY'S PROBLEMS. ONE FACTOR THAT CELILOGLU IS

UNABLE TO EVALUATE IS WHAT MIGHT BE THE EFFECT OF THE PERSONAL AFFINITY JALLOUD APPARENTLY FEELS FOR ECEVIT. THEREFORE, WHIEL HE IS SKEPTICAL THAT JALLOUD'S GENERAL PROMISES WILL HAVE DRAMATIC RESULTS, HE IS NOT CERTAIN. END SUMMARY

2. CELILOGLU SAID THE FIRST DAY OF TALKS CONSISTED OF AN EXCHANGE OF PLATITUDES ABOUT TURKEY'S ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND MUSLIM WORLD. AT ONE POINT, JALLOUD SAID THAT THE LIBYAN PEOPLE, WHO HAVE A GREAT FEELING OF KINSHIP FOR THE TURKISH PEOPLE, ARE SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED IN TURKEY'S POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTION. DURING THE TWO DAYS OF TALKS, HOWEVER, JALLOUD DID NOT BECOME MORE SPECIFIC IN DISCUSSING THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION. HE DID NOT OPENLY SEEK TURKISH SUPPORT FOR ANTI-SADAT OR REJECTIONIST POSITIONS, AND ONLY DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE COMMUNIQUE DID HE BRING UP THE QUESTION OF ISRAEL PER SE.

3. THE SECOND DAY OF TALKS DEALT WITH ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. ECEVIT PRESENTED A LONG LIST OF REQUESTS, AND JALLOUD FOR THE MOST PART AVOIDED MAKING MORE THAN A GENERAL COMMITMENT TO STUDY ECEVIT'S REQUESTS. WITH RESPECT TO QUESTION OF OIL, JALLOUD SAID LIBYA COULD NOT PROVIDE TURKEY MORE THAN THE 3,000,000 TONS PER YEAR IT IS NOW PROVIDING. HE DID AGREE, HOWEVER, TO GIVE THE GOT A "PAYMENT FACILITY UNTIL THE END OF MARCH". THE POSSIBILITIES OF FURTHER FAVORABLE FINANCING FOR OIL PURCHASES AND OF GENERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL

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DISCUSSED BY TECHNICAL DELEGATIONS THAT ARE SCHEDULED TO VISIT TURKEY IN MARCH. (CELILOGLU, WHO IS ALWAYS VAGUE ON ECONOMIC DETAILS, SAID HE BELIEVED THE "PAYMENT FACILITY" FOR MARCH AMOUNTED TO NO MORE THAN A DELAY OF PAYMENT OF \$5 OR 6 MILLION.)

4. ALSO DURING THE ECONOMIC PORTION OF THE TALKS, THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO TRY TO MAKE THE TURKISH-LIBYAN JOINT COMMISSION MORE EFFECTIVE BY ESTABLISHING PERMANENT SECRETARIATS IN EACH COUNTRY. THE TURKISH SECRETARIAT WILL BE HEADED BY MINSTATE HIKMET CETIN, WHO HAS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT FOR COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC MATTERS.

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5. THE LIBYANS AGREED DURING THE TALKS TO INCREASE THEIR
PURCHASES OF TURKISH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY
WHEAT. HOWEVER, THE DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT-AMOUNTS, PRICES
AND TIMING -- ARE TO BE WORKED OUT IN LATER TECHNICAL-LEVEL
TALKS.

6. THE TWO SIDES ALSO AGREED TO ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF JOINT PROJECTS AND TO ESTABLISH JOINT COMPANIES OF SEVERAL
TYPES. THE DETAILS OF THESE ARRANGMENTS ARE ALSO TO BE
WORKED OUT DURING FUTURE TECHNICAL-LEVEL TALKS.
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7. ONE SPECIFIC AGREEMENT THAT WILL GO INTO EFFECT ALMOST
IMMEDIATELY IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMERCIAL AIRLINE SERVICE
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. CELILOGLU REMARKED PARENTHETICALLY
THAT THIS, OF COURSE, WOULD BE AN UNECONOMICAL OPERATION FOR
TURKISH AIRLINES.

8. AT THE END OF THE SECOND DAY OF TALKS, ECEVIT ASKED JALLOU

IF HE WOULD LIKE TO ISSUE A JOINT COMMUNIQUE. (THE TURKS, UNTIL THIS POINT, HAD CONSIDERED JALLOUD'S VISIT TO BE A PRIVATE ONE AND HAD NOT EXPECTED TO DRAFT A COMMUNIQUE.) JALLOUD SAID HE WOULD LIKE A COMMUNIQUE, AND ECEVIT TOOK A PAD OF PAPER AND A PENCIL AND SPENT 20 MINUTES DRAFTING ITS OUTLINE. CELILOGLU SAID HE AND OTHER MFA OFFICIALS SPENT MUCH OF THE REST OF THE NIGHT FENDING OFF JALLOUD'S EFFORTS TO INCLUDE IN THE COMMUNIQUE A PHRASE CHALLENGING ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST.

9. SUMMING UP, CELILOGLU SAID JALLOUD IS A VERY CAPABLE AND BUSINESSLIKE NEGOTIATOR. HE SAID HE WAS PERSONALLY SKEPTICAL ABOUT JALLOUD'S PROMISES BECAUSE HE HAD HEARD THEM BEFORE-- FIRST, THREE YEARS AGO WHEN JALLOUD HAD VISITED TURKEY DURING THE IRMAK GOVERNMENT, AND LAST YEAR IN LIBYA WHEN CELILOGLU HAD ACCOMPANIED THEN-DEPPRIMIN TURKES. NEVERTHELESS, CELILOGLU SAID THAT JALLOUD (AND PERHAPS QADHAFI) APPEAR TO HAVE A SPECIAL FEELING FOR ECEVIT AND HIS GOVERNMENT. FOR THIS REASON CELILOGLU SAID, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT JALLOUD WILL COME CLOSER THIS TIME TO FULFILLING HIS COMMITMENTS THAN HE HAS IN THE PAST; HOWEVER, AS CELILOGLU HAD TRIED TO TELL OTHERS IN ANKARA, TURKEY SHOULD EXPECT NO MIRACLES.

10. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT PRESS REPORTS THAT JALLOUD HAD BROUGHT A MESSAGE FROM MOSCOW ENCOURAGING TURKEY TO TAKE AN OPENLY ANTI-SADAT POSITION, CELILOGLU SAID JALLOUD DID CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT MENTION SADAT DURING THE VISIT--EXCEPT POSSIBLY DURING HIS PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH ECEVIT COMING FROM OR GOING TO THE AIRPORT.

1. ON THE SUBJECT OF FOLLOW-UP VISIT EITHERBY ECEVIT TO LIBYA OR QUDHAFI TO TURKEY, CELILOGLU SAID NO DEFINITE PLANS HAD BEEN MADE. HE POINTED OUT THAT QADHAFI WAS INVITED TO VISIT TURKEY THREE YEARS AGO AND THE INVITATION HAD BEEN RENEWED SEVERAL TIMES. HE SPECULATED THAT A VISIT MIGHT TAKE PLACE DURING THE SUMMER.

12. ECON/COMM COUNS IS MEETING WITH MFA DIRGEN BILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS LATER MARCH 1 TO DISCUSS, INTER ALIA, JALLOUD VISIT. WE SHALL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION OBTAINED.
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